

REMARKS

Claims 13, 17-24, and 26- 32 are pending in the application. Claims 13, 17-24, 26-29, 31, and 32 have been allowed, while Claim 30 was rejected.

OBJECTION TO SPECIFICATION

The Examiner objected to portions of the specification. Applicants have amended those portions of the specification and thus request removal of this objection.

CLAIM REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112, 1st PARAGRAPH

The Examiner rejected Claim 30 under 35 U.S.C. 112, 1st Paragraph, citing a failure to comply with the written description requirement. The Applicants respectfully disagree; however, for clarification purposes, the Applicants have amended claim 30. In the specification as originally filed, the final paragraphs states:

"[T]he techniques, designs, elements, and methods described and illustrated in the preferred embodiment as discrete or separate may be combined or integrated with other techniques, designs, elements, or methods without departing from the scope of the present invention."

With this paragraph, it is apparent that one of ordinary skill in the art would understand that different embodiments and elements thereof could be combined. As such, Applicants submit that claim 30, as amended, satisfies 35 U.S.C. 112's written description requirement.

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CONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED REFERENCES

In the original filing of the Application, Applicants submitted an Information Disclosure Statement and associated PTO-1449, an initialed copy of which was returned with an Office Action mailed May 13, 2002. In this initialed copy, one of the references (Other Art - Picture entitled "Die Revolution im Graben!") was not initialed by the Examiner; additionally, one of the sheets in the initialed copy cuts off a reference. The Applicants respectfully request (1) an initialing of the reference by the Examiner, indicating consideration of the reference, and (2) a clean initialed copy, which includes the cut-off reference. For the Examiner's convenience, a copy of the above referenced initialed copy is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submits that this Application is in condition for allowance, and Applicants earnestly seek such allowance of all claims currently pending in the application for the reasons stated herein and further requests that the Examiner allow Claims 13, 17-24, and 26- 32 . Should the Examiner have any questions, comments, or suggestions in furtherance of the prosecution of this Application, please contact Applicants' attorney at 214.979.3093. Applicants, through its attorney, stand ready to conduct a telephone interview with the Examiner to review this Application if the Examiner believes that such an interview would assist in the advancement of this Application.

To the extent that any further fees are required during the pendency of this Application, including petition fees, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees, including, without limitation, any fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, to Deposit Account No. 23-3189 of Hunton & Williams (Dallas) and reference Attorney Docket No. 82274.472020. In the event that any additional time is needed for this filing, or any additional time in excess of that requested in a petition for an extension of time, please consider this a petition for an extension of time for any needed extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 or any other section or provision of Title 37. Applicants respectfully requests that the Commissioner grant any such petition and authorize the Commissioner to charge the Deposit Account referenced above. Please credit any overpayments to this same Deposit Account.

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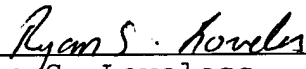
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